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1. In an effort to broaden the base of his political control of the Northeast, LI Li-san has established a "Youth Training Center" at Holung for the purpose of training local hsien officials. There are now 250 young men and women between the ages of 16 and 21 undergoing training at the school. Each of the twenty-one hsien recently incorporated into a new district under control of the Far East Politburo sent 12 students to the school (See [REDACTED]). The students were selected from the farming and laboring classes and will undergo a six months training course. Clothing, food, lodging, transportation, and similar expenses are paid by the Far East Politburo. Upon completion of the course the trainees will be assigned to official positions in their home hsien.
2. SHIH Ho-jen (石和仁), a loyal follower of LI Li-san, was appointed by LI to head the Training School in January 1948. In April 1947 SHIH headed a group of five people sent to Chiamassu (130-21, 46-49) by the Far East Politburo to select young men and women from the Chiamassu area for training in the USSR. After selecting 40 persons for such training, SHIH's group remained in Chiamassu and carried on a propaganda campaign against members of the Northeast Politburo (The MAO Tse-tung clique). It was claimed that the members of the Northeast Politburo were only local people who did not possess adequate knowledge or qualifications for the positions that they held. SHIH speaks fluent Russian, Chinese, and Korean. He claims to have an uncle, SHIH T'ien hsiu (石田修), who once headed a library in Korea.

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